

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is made to put the application in better condition for examination.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 10, 12-18, 22, 24, 26-27 and 29-31. Claims 32-45 are newly presented. No claims have been cancelled. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION


It is submitted that the present application is in form for examination, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (Docket No. 06672-1012). Respectfully submitted,

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